It is Sunday the 22nd February 2009 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY news bringing you - cast 1531.
Views expressed in this news bulletin are not necessarily those of the Broadcast Officer, the Relay Officers, or of the Society.
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A.N.A.R.T.S. News Bulletin 1531 for 22nd February 2009
Bruce (G3HSR) reports (via VK2HV): It is with deep sadness that I inform you that Jim (VK9NS) passed peacefully away on Norfolk Island at 15:40 local time on 10 February 2009 after a short illness.
Jim is survived by his wife Kirsti (VK9NL) and his four children:
Bruce (G3HSR), Stuart, Sheena and Fraser (all living in the UK).
Jim's contribution to Amateur Radio, DX-ing and IOTA is inestimable. He will be sadly missed.
Further information and condolences can be sent to Kirsti at jimkirsti@ni.net.nf
The Documentary Archive Radio Communication (DARC) Web page now provides on its
site "A Tribute to Jim B. Smith, VK9NS" at:
http://www.dokufunk.org/vk9ns
On the page there is a great collection of QSL cards from many of the DXCC
entities he activated.

ANARTS needs a Contest Manager
The ANARTS RTTY Contest may have to be discontinued if a Contest Manager cannot be found. The present incumbent cannot continue due to chronic illness, age and failing eyesight. Present activity of the group is restricted to the weekly bulletin and the yearly contest. All expenses can be met so there is no problem in that area.
If there is anyone out there who can help with the contest, please contact Pat VK2JPA. The email address is patleeper@optusnet.com.au
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IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 13th to 19 February, issued on 20th February by the IPS Radio and Space Services.
SUMMARY

Date	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10cm flux	70	70	70	70	71	70	69
AFr index	2	9	6	2	1	1 (	2 estimated)
Aaus index	3	17	12	5	3	3 (	4 estimated)
T index	-15	-6	-14	-9	-17	-4	-9

Solar flare activity was very low all week.
Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian Region was quiet to active on 14th and 15th; otherwise quiet.
Southern Australian Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies were near predicted to 25 per cent depressed on 13th; near predicted on 14th and 17th; near predicted to 20 per cent depressed on 15th, 18th and 19th; and near predicted to 15 per cent depressed on 16th.
Forecast for 20th to 26th February
Solar activity should be very low.
Geomagnetic activity should see quiet to unsettled conditions.
Frequencies should be near predicted monthly values with some periods
of 10 to 30 per cent depressions.
Courtesy of the IPS Radio and Space Services
Summary by Pat Leeper VK2JPA

RTDX0219 RTTY DX
VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES for week ending 19 February (BID RTDX0219)
Our information this week came from AA5AU, DJ3IW, I5FLN, UT5RP, GB7DXG and
the DX Summit, plus EA1CJ.
Thank you all.
Bandpass
Friday 13
0012-14086 PX2T

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0022-14089      9Y4D
0030-3582       KP4/AJ1M
0045-7036       CM2DB
0124-3583       KP2BH
0254-7048       P49X
0333-3583       OZ1ADL
0414-14085      VQ9RD
0537-14087      6M0MM
0808-14083      JT1DN
0816-14079      D44AC
0952-14083      5B4AIF
1019-14081      VR2XMT
1056-14087      ZB2GG
1116-18107      VQ9JC
1128-18104      E21YDP
1133-18108      PY2VA
1133-18107      SP9UPV
1137-18108      OK1FAK
1137-18108      SP6GNJ
1139-18107      OZ6SM
1147-18103      MW0CRI
1205-14083      V31TB
1212-18107      KP4ED
1225-14082      EY8MM
1247-14082      KP4ED
1248-14081      5B4AIF
1302-14085      TA1CX
1303-14090      VQ9JC
1317-14089      P40R
1320-14091      CO8LY
1326-1808       WB0VGD
1328-14091      CO8LY
1339-14083      V31UH
1344-14089      XR3P
1408-14086      HV5PUL
1409-14090      YB0PAH
1414-14084      7Q7HB
1436-14094      KL8DX
1452-14087      P49X
1453-21085      P49X
1506-14086      TN5SN
1507-21080      KP4/AJ1M
1516-7041       VK6IR
1519-14087      P49X
1528-14082      V31RW
1549-14085      N1HRA/KP4
1550-14088      ET3AA
1551-10143      VQ9JC
1646-14087      5R8GZ
1653-10145      TR8CA
1727-7036       UN1L
1737-14086      H7/NP3D
1748-14081      P40YL
1755-10144      J5UAP
1826-14083      P40YL
1844-14088      J7N
1856-14098      XR3P
1939-21080      KP4/AJ1M
1941-14088      9Y4D
1942-14081      EA8/DL3KVR
2112-14082      CO8LY
2117-14092      FW5RE
2128-14071      YV4AB
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2153-14086      HI3TEJ
2201-14084      VK2KM
2202-14080      KH6GMP
2208-14085      FG1PP
2212-14085      YV1FM
2220-7045       P49X
2257-14086      PX2T
2306-14088      YV4AB
2310-14089      9Y4D
2327-14083      HK3W
2355-3581       KP4/AJ1M
Saturday 14
CQ WPX RTTY Contest!
Sunday 15
CQ WPX RTTY Contest!
Monday 16
1006-14095      YI1RAZ
1027-18104      ET3AA
1116-14085      VR2XMT
1248-14083      CO8LY
1356-14082      HZ1PS
1427-18102      5D0IPY
1501-14089      9F2BL
1515-14085      TA1CX
1518-10138      W5KDJ
1522-14085      TN5SN
1540-18103      OS7A
1706-14090      TI8II
1836-14085      7Q7HB
1914-10146      IW1AXR
1917-14082      5D0IPY
1920-14087      9Z4FZ
2014-14083      FM5AA
2021-7041       5D0IPY
2031-14084      CO8LY
2101-14087      9Z4FZ
2123-14084      FM5AA
2129-10149      K5D
2154-14082      VK2KM
2234-14081      TG9AHM
2252-14088      YV4AB
2308-10141      D4C
Tuesday 16
0737-7041       5D0IPY
0756-14085      OY4TN
0817-14085      EC8ADW
1015-14085      TF3IGN
1103-1808       W5KDJ
1209-14085      TF3GC
1253-14090      CO8LY
1330-14092      V31TB
1337-14093      FM1FV
1340-14086      FM5AA
1428-14086      HZ1PS
1529-21089      K5D
1531-14089      K5D
1532-14082      D50IPY
1551-14083      TN5SN
1551-14080      VP2ETN
1554-14086      7Q7HB
1635-14090      V31TB
1652-14081      TF3GC
1827-14090      J7N
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1929-7038       5D0IPY
2129-3585       VK6HD
2146-7040       EA8/DL3KVR
2203-24921      TI8II
2206-14082      TG9AHM
2208-7039       CT3MD
2210-14088      TN5SN
2211-14080      VP2ETN
2248-14080      DS1JFY
2324-14089      K5D
Wednesday 18
0003-3584       5D0IPY
0019-3580       PU5OGE
0108-7040       UN1L
0235-3582       V31WO
0258-10149      K5D
0426-1839       LZ2ZG
0946-18100      UN1L
0951-18102      5D0IPY
1108-14085      TF3GC
1109-10148      K5D
1150-18107      IZ7EUB
1152-14086      UN8PIM
1220-18102      E20WXA
1225-10145      YO9HP
1302-14089      VR2XLN
1314-14091      V31TB
1317-18105      HV5PUL
1336-14085      KP4ED
1348-14086      E20WXA
1408-14088      YB0ECT
1425-14093      4U1WB
1441-14081      TN5SN
1446-14082      YB1MBA
1449-14085      YB0KYM
1505-14086      CO2GL
1510-14083      XE3DX
1520-14086      CO2LS
1525-10143      4L1FP
1611-14089      K5D
1642-14091      5D0IPY
1803-10142      TR8CA
1923-14081      7Q7HB
2047-14080      J7N
2058-14080      FM5CD
2127-3587       VK6HD
2134-10144      EA9IB
2137-10145      6W2SC
2148-14089      YV4AB
2149-10137      YV6BTF
2203-14085      FM5AA
2219-14083      FM1FV
2222-7041       5D0IPY
2235-14091      YV4AB
2237-14085      HK3W
2247-7047       XE2YBG
2247-10138      HK3MRU
2250-7042       IS0/IN3SAU
2306-3590       5D0IPY
2308-10138      HK3W
2314-10138      HK3MRU
Thursday 19
0145-1809       W7JW
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0857-21085      OM7ASP
0918-18103      5D0IPY
0956-14086      5D0IPY
1038-10148      I4YEL
1113-7042       YB1ALL
1143-14086      TF3GC
1212-14089      K5D
1226-14080      E21WXA
1449-14092      6W2SC
1549-14089      TF3GC
1612-18101      VP8DIF
1622-14080      VP2ETN
1704-14091      WP3C
1745-14080      TF3PPN
1754-14088      V31TB
1820-14088      K5D
1850-14081      FM1FV
1917-14086      5D0IPY
1939-10144      V5/DJ4SO
1955-10140      II2EFA
2016-10143      YV6BTF
2020-14084      ZP8AE
2036-14083      KP4ED
2037-7038       TF3IRA
2049-10145      6W2SC
2103-10136      N0OB
2106-3587       VK6HD
Notes of interest:
V5 Namibia, till Mar 12, by DJ4SO as V5/DJ4SO
QSL via home call and LoTW
T2 Tuvalu, till Mar 02, by N7OU and W7YAQ, call not yet known
6W Senegal, Feb 22 - 28, by ON4BAG as 6V7O, and ON4HIL as 6V7P
S7 Seychelles, Feb 22 - Mar 06, by DL7JAN as S79JF
YV0a Aves Island, Feb 26 - Mar 05, YW0A by a big team.
FP St Pierre & Miquelon, Mar 04 - 09, by KV1J as FP/KV1J from Miquelon Is
ZL7c Chatham Island, Mar 06 - 11, ZL7T by a group of ZL's
S2 Bangladesh, Mar 07 - 12, by 6K5YPW DS2AGH DS2BGV HL3QP HL5FUA 6K2AVL
DX to look out for:
An international team composed by EA1CJ,EA1KY,EA2RY,EA3EXV,
EA5RM,EA7AJR,F9IE,IN3ZNR,UT7CR and UY7CW will be on the air
from Western Sahara from April 12 to April 17 using the callsign S04R.
Operation will be on all bands from 10 to 160 meters
in SSB,CW and RTTY. Qsl via EA5RM.
WPX QSL Routes:
Call        Route
4M5DX       IT9DAA
CW7T         K5WW
D4C            IZ4DPV
EF8M          RD3AF
HI3TEJ      ON4IQ
HZ1PS           IZ8CLM
J7N             K3TEJ
NP3U           WP4U
P40R            N4RR
V31TB          KT7G
YW5RTTY   IT9DAA
YN2S            NP3D (also via W3HNK & RW6HS)
The VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES are distributed every week via the
Winlink network, and are also available on the Internet at
URL http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/vk2sg-rtty
and the digital-dx reflector.
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The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 896 - excerpts
5C, MOROCCO (IOTA Op)
Alfredo, IK7JWX, informs that he is preparing for a DXpedition (with 9
operators) to activate Mogador Island (AF-065) in April. Activity will be on all
HF-VHF bands and all modes. Activity will be on all bands (HF-VHF) and modes (CW, SSB, RTTY PSK31).
The group is looking for sponsors and donations. If you can help, please contact Alfredo, IK7JWX,
via E-mail at: ik7jwx2003@yahoo.it
5X, UGANDA
Nick, G3RWF, will once again be active as 5X1NH. He will be in Fort Portal in
western Uganda starting March 11th for about two months. Nick informs OPDX that
he bought a (U.S.) vertical for 40 and 80 meters, so he feels that he will do a
bit better on those bands this time. However, he will not have a 160 meter
antenna (states, "there is simply not enough room for an antenna, unless I visit
my friend 5X1GS and use his antennas - which I might well do."). He also
mentions,
"I prefer CW but I have now worked over 20k CW QSOs, so I have it in mind to
work some data (RTTY and PSK31). Will work SSB whenever signals are good
enough." Look for Nick on the air mainly during
the early mornings, evenings and weekends. QSL via G3RWF.
ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK EVENT NEWS (February 16-22nd)
PLEASE REMEMBER - Stations that are active and signing "/ANT" may NOT be in the
Antarctic!
ANTARCTIC OP & CRUISE
By the time you read this, Mehdi/F5PFP and Jean- Pierre/ON7ZM should be getting
ready for their expedition to the Antarctic peninsula. Their sailboat is
expected to leave Ushuaia on Wednesday, February 18th, depending on the weather
conditions. They plan to visit several Antarctic bases which include the South
Shetland Islands (AN-010), Palmer Archipelago (AN-012) and the Antarctic
mainland (AN-016).
According to Mehdi, both Jean-Pierre and himself will mainly be active on 20
meters SSB (14315 kHz), with some activity on 40/30/17 meters. [90% on SSB, 10%
on CW, 80% on 20m] They plan to have one station continuously on the air with a
trapless vertical using 500 watts and another station sporadically active using
a trapless vertical and 100 watts. Operating times are between 1800-2200z,
earlier and later when it is possible. Callsigns mentioned are CE9XX, FT5YJ and
VP8DLM. Expedition will last through March 17th.
C3, ANDORRA
We have been informed by several sources that "the Andorran Radioamateurs Union
(URA) reminds that the local administration has not implemented the CEPT
Recommendation T/R 61-01. Therefore any C3/homecall activity should be regarded
as illegal." An up-to-date list of licensed amateurs can be found at:
http://www.ura.ad
DXCC NEWS
Bill Moore, NC1L, Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operation is
approved for DXCC credit:
TT8JT - Chad; 2008 Operation
EG3, SPAIN (Special Event)
Special event station EG3LB was on the air this past weekend to celebrate the
200th anniversary of the birth of Louis Braille, inventor of the Braille system
for blind. This station will also be in the air February 20-22nd and February
27th-March 1st. Activity will mainly be on CW and the Digital modes (RTTY/PSK).
The bands may vary; operations over the past weekend were on 40 and 20 meters. A
special QSL will be issued commemorating the event. QSL via EA3RKR, by the
Bureau or direct (QRZ.com). SWLs can also send for QSL but should send a report
for listening to a complete data QSO. More information is available on the Web
at:
http://www.gratisweb.com/ea3rkr

IOTA NEWS
OC-164. John, VK6HZ, will once again be visiting Rottnest Island this year. Dates of operation will be March 3-9th. Operation will be holiday style (he states "in between beer, swimming and, of course, quality time with my family!) Equipment will be IC-7000 running 100w into a Buddipole, running all modes. QSL via VK6NE. Online log will be available after the trip at:
http://www.vk6hz.com
All logs will be uploaded on LoTW.
KP5, DESECHEO ISLAND DXPEDITION (News/Update)
* The K5D DXpedition to Desecho Island is now on the air until February 26th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using 6-8 stations on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via N2OO.
MAJOR PACIFIC DXPEDITIONS (Not One, But Two!)
Well-known DXpeditioners Hrane/YT1AD (Team Leader) and David/K3LP (Co-Team Leader) are in the process of organizing two (2) upcoming South Pacific DX-Peditions:
1 - Tokelau Island (ZK3) and Central Kiribati (T31, Ex-Canton Island), planned for April 2010 or end of September 2010
2 - Conway Reef (3D2C) planned for the end of September 2011
On the most wanted list, Tokelau Island (ZK3) ranks #47, Central Kiribati (T31) ranks #27 and Conway Reef (3D2C) ranks #22.
Hrane/YT1AD and Miki/YU1DW will travel between April 20th and May 7th (2009), in the South Pacific islands to organize these DXpeditions.
Hrane and Miki will be active from the following islands. The schedule will be as follows:
April 22nd - Samoa; callsigns 5W8A (YT1AD) and 5W0DW (YU1DW)
April 22-24th - American Samoa; callsign KH8/N9YU (YT1AD)
April 25th-May 4th - Fiji; 3D2AD (YT1AD) and 3D2DW (YU1DW)
April 27-29th - Western Kirbati; callsigns T30M (YT1AD) and T30DW (YU1DW) on Tarawa Island
More information will be forthcoming soon in March 2009 on the following Web page at:
http://www.yt1ad.info/t31
PACIFIC TOUR
Operators Minekazu/JA2NQG (SSB) and Yuji/JH2BNL (CW/RTTY) will be active from the Western Pacific during March from the following islands and IOTAs. Their schedule and callsigns are as follows:
March 4-6th - Chuuk Island (OC-011); Micronesia; V63AR and V63WW
March 6-9th - Pohnpei Island (OC-010); Micronesia; V63AR and V63WW
March 9-11th - Kosrae Island (OC-059); Micronesia; V63AR and V63WW
*Also, callsigns V63C, V63P and V63K will be active during these dates.
March 11-14th - Majuro Island (OC-079); V73J and V73M
March 14-16th - Palau Island (OC-009); T88CD and T88WW
March 17-19th - Guam (OC-026); NH0AA and AH0F/KH2
S0, WESTERN SAHARA
An international team of operators (known as the Tifariti Gang) composed of Juan/EA1CJ, Agustin/EA1KY, Roberto/EA2RY, Gerard/EA3EXV, Antonio/EA5RM, Manuel/EA7AJR, Bernard/F9IE, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR, Valery/UT7CR and Dimitri/UY7CW will be on the air from Western Sahara from April 12-17th using the callsign S04R. Activity will be on all bands from 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via EA5RM.
TP60, FRANCE
To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Council of Europe, there will be four TP60CE operations planned during 2009. The first operation will take place for three days between February 27th and March 1st. Activity will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via F5LGF. An online log search will be available at:
http://ewwa.free.fr
VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Update)
Haru, JA1XGI/W8XGI, informs OPDX that his callsign will be JA1XGI/VK9 instead of VK9XGI as first announced. Activity will take place between April 4-11th, on all bands including the lower bands using CW and the digital modes. QSL via JA1XGI, by the bureau or direct.

The Society can be contacted in the following ways: To Pat VK2JPA via patleeper at optusnet.com.au, or you can drop a line to PO Box 93 Toongabbie NSW 2146.
73â€™s from Pat VK2JPA broadcast Officer.